

House Resolution No. 392

Whereas, a period of six wondrous decades has passed since January 22, 1943, when Carl Jay Thompson lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Mary Silva Braden, during a solemn ceremony officiated by John Pruett in Dogwood, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Carl and Mary Thompson have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include their children and their spouses, Donna Ruth and Paul Wesley Hull of Sparta, Connie Elaine and Larry Edward Gilbert of Oldfield, and Carl Thompson, Jr., who is an angel in heaven; their grandchildren and their spouses, Carl Wesley and Debra June (Stevens) Hull, Keith Allen Hull, Christal Elaine and Mark Edward Gihring, and Ashley Edward and Lacey Danielle (Herd) Gilbert; and their great-grandchildren, Bradley Paul Hull, Dustin Allen Hull, and Jason Jay Hull; and

Whereas, a farmer, carpenter, and plant engineer who retired in 1986, Carl Thompson has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes being a member of the United States Army's First Cavalry Division in World War II, during which time he was stationed in the Philippines and Japan; and serving as pastor at Union Hill Baptist Church, Sparta First Baptist Church, Garrison Baptist Church, and Mt. Olive Church, which was founded by the Thompson family and served by Carl's grandfather as the first pastor and his great-grandfather as the first deacon; and

Whereas, also a retired farmer, Mary Thompson is a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, who offered her children boundless emotional support, guidance, and understanding which enhanced their lives in countless ways and enabled them to become responsible citizens with families of their own; and

Whereas, members of Union Hill Baptist Church in Keltner, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson of Sparta commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary on January 22, 2003:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Carl and Mary Thompson and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jay Thompson, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Jerry Bough
District No. 142

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 392, adopted February 17, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker